

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/672,572

Examiner

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Applicant(s)

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-- The MAILING DATE of this communication appears on the cover sheet with the correspondence address--

All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

1. ☒ This communication is responsive to Paper filed on July 16, 2004.

2. ☒ The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-5, 18-23, 46, 49, 50, 61, 69 and 93-106.

3. ☐ The drawings filed on _____ are accepted by the Examiner.

4. ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).

a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some* c) ☐ None of the:

1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.

2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.

3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this national stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

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☐ A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.

☐ CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.

(a) ☐ including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached

1) ☐ hereto or 2) ☐ to Paper No./Mail Date _____.

(b) ☐ including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.

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☐ DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

☐ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)

☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)

☒ Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08),
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☐ Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit
of Biological Material

5. ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)

6. ☒ Interview Summary (PTO-413),
Paper No./Mail Date 08/11/04.

7. ☒ Examiner's Amendment/Comment

8. ☒ Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance

9. ☐ Other _____.

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DETAILED ACTION

1. According to paper filed on July 16, 2004, the applicants have canceled claims 6-17, 24-45, 47, 48, 62-68, 72-92, 107 and 108 and furthermore, have amended claim 1.
2. Claims 1-5, 18-23, 46, 49, 50, 61, 69-71 and 93-106 are now pending in the application.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

3. The following amendment is pursuant to a telephone conversation with applicant's attorney, Mr. Henry H. Gu on Aug. 11, 2004. The following changes have been made in claims.

Cancel claims 70 and 71 since they are duplicates of claims 20 and 22.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

4. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 1-5, 18-23, 46, 49, 61, 69 and 93-106, renumbered as 1-30, are allowed since the applicants have amended claims to overcome some of indefiniteness rejections and furthermore, due to their persuasive arguments regarding enablement and remaining indefiniteness rejections and further in view of the fact that these terms are also present in the claims of parent application, 09/737,201 (now Patent 6,638,937). Thus, all rejections under 35 U.S.C. 112, first paragraph as well as second paragraph are now withdrawn.

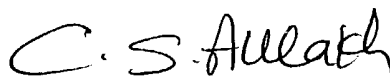
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5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Charanjit S. Aulakh whose telephone number is (571)272-0678. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday through Friday, 8:30 A.M. to 5:00 P.M..

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Cecilia Tsang can be reached on (571)272-0562. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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